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DISCIPLINARY CHARGES RELATING TO THE SHOOTING OF QUINTONIO LEGRIER AND BETTIE JONES FILED WITH THE POLICE BOARD

Today, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board charges against Police Officer Robert Rialmo alleging multiple rule violations stemming from his fatal shooting of Quintonio LeGrier and Bettie Jones in December 2015. The charges recommend that Officer Rialmo be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.

The role of the Police Board is to serve as an impartial body that makes decisions based on the evidence presented at a disciplinary hearing. The Board takes final action on all cases in public at its monthly meetings, where each Board member's vote is announced and recorded, and the Board posts on its website its written decisions, which include detailed explanations of the reasons for the Board's findings.

It is the Board's expectation that this case will proceed like most Police Board cases: there will be an initial status hearing, discovery, a pre-hearing conference, and then the evidentiary hearing, which will be open to the public. The initial status hearing of this case is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the hearing room at the Board's office.

The charges filed by the Superintendent and information about the Board's process for handling disciplinary cases are available at ChicagoPoliceBoard.org.

The Police Board does not comment on the substance of specific disciplinary cases that have been filed with the Board.

The public is reminded that the filing of charges is not evidence of guilt. The accused officer is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair hearing at which the Superintendent has the burden of proving guilt by a preponderance of the evidence.

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